IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the previously present claims as follows:

Claims 1-7 (canceled without prejudice)

8. (currently amended)   An entry door security brace for impeding forced entry into a room through a door, said door having a lockset with a pair of knobs on opposite side surfaces of the doors, the knobs being operatively coupled to a shaft, said brace comprising:

a)   a plurality of pole members wherein said pole members include an upper end, and a lower end with a foot member secured to the lower end~~s~~ of ~~said pole member~~ each of said plurality of pole members;

b)   a block member secured to the upper ends of said plurality of pole members, said block member having a top planar surface with a yoke extending upward from the top planar surface, said yoke adapted to receive said shaft therein; and

c)   a cylindrical stem extending upwardly from the top surface of the block member, said cylindrical stem fitting into a circular opening in the bottom of the yoke.

9. (previously presented)   The security brace in claim 8 wherein the plurality of pole members each comprise first and second tubular telescoping segments and means for locking said segments relative to one another at a predetermined composite length.

10. (currently amended)   The security brace as in claim 8 wherein the plurality of pole members are secured to the block member by virtue of being inserted into a corresponding plurality of circular apertures formed in the bottom surface of the block, wherein the plurality of pole members pass through the apertures and said plurality of pole members are held in the block member by a locking member.

11. (previously presented)   The security brace as in claim 8 wherein said foot member includes a non-skid floor engaging surface.

12. (previously presented)   The security brace as in claim 11 wherein said non-skid surface is an elastomeric pad.

13. (currently amended)   The security brace as in claim 11 wherein said non-skid surface includes a plurality of dominantly projecting corrugations.

14. (currently amended)   An entry door security brace for impeding forced entry into a room through a door, said door having a lockset with a pair of knobs on opposite side surfaces of the doors, the knobs being operatively coupled to a shaft, said brace comprising:

a)   a plurality of pole members wherein said pole members each include an upper end, and lower end with a foot member secured to the lower end of each of said plurality of pole members;

b)   a block member secured to the upper ends of said plurality of pole members, said block member having a top planar surface with a generally y-shaped yoke member extending upward from the top planar surface, said yoke member adapted to receive said shaft therein, wherein said yoke member includes a tubular yoke base and a head member, the head member sloping at a predetermined angle to a longitudinal axis of the yoke base; and

c)   a cylindrical stem extending upwardly from the top surface of the base member for fitting into the tubular a circular opening in a bottom of the yoke base.

15. (previously presented.)   The security brace as in claim 14 wherein the plurality of pole members each comprise first and second tubular telescoping segments and means for locking said segments relative to one another at a predetermined composite length.

16. (currently amended)   The security brace as in claim 14 wherein the plurality of pole members are secured to the block member by virtue of being fitted into a plurality of circular apertures in a bottom surface of the block, wherein the pole members pass through the apertures and said pole members are held in the block member by a locking member.

17. (previously presented)   The security brace as in claim 14 wherein said foot member includes a non-skid floor engaging surface.

18. (previously presented)   The security brace as in claim 17 wherein said non-skid surface is an elastomeric pad.

19. (currently amended)   The security brace as in claim 17 wherein said non-skid surface includes ~~a plurality of dominantly projecting~~ corrugations.